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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: JAPANESE INDUSTRY
DELEGATION SUBMITS WHALING PETITION

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LONDON PASS IWC DELEGATION

PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

1. TEN-MAN JAPANESE DELEGATION FROM FEDERATION OF MARINE
PRODUCTS WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION AND WHALING PRODUCTS
DEALERS COUNCIL CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 13 TO PRESENT
LETTER, ADDRESSED TO CHARGE D'AFFAIRS, OPPOSING PROPOSED
WHALING MORATORIUM. DELEGATION RECEIVED BY E/C COUNS AND
REGFISHATT.

2. DELEGATION PRESENTED OFT-REPEATED JAPANESE ARGUMENTS
FOR CONTINUATION OF WHALING, I.E. WHALE MEAT IS IMPORTANT
SOURCE OF ANIMAL PROTEIN, MANY PEOPLE DEPENDENT OF WHALING
WOULD SUFFER SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATION, NO SCIENTIFIC
BASIS FOR MORATORIUM, ETC. LETTER REQUESTED UNDER-
STANDING OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHALING IN JAPAN AND
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US COOPERATION IN ENABLING CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF

JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO JAPANESE PRESENTATION, E/C COUNSS DESCRIBED
GREAT US CONCERN OVER RESOURCE AND RATIONALE FOR STRONG US SUPPORT
OF MORATORIUM.

4. WITH RESPECT TO ARGUMENTS RE IMPORTANCE OF WHALE MEAT AS
PROTEIN SOURCE, E/C COUNS REMARKED ALTERNATIVE SOURCE IS
BEEF, WHICH WOULD BECOME MORE READILY AVAILABLE IF GOJ WOULD
LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF IMPORTATION.
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